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Attorney Docket No.	LIFE-031
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First Named Inventor	Dick, Kenneth W.
Application Number	09/996,631
Filing Date	November 28, 2001
Group Art Unit	1753
Examiner Name	NOGUEROLA, ALEXANDER STEPHAN
Title:	"SOLUTION DRYING SYSTEM"

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before January 3, 2004 . In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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